Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Woodrow Mason DeLany was born on May 25, 1918, to Chauncy and Delia DeLany at Gregory, South Dakota, later moving by wagon with his parents, two brothers, and four sisters to White River, South Dakota, where his parents farmed and ran a trading post; and,

Whereas, Woodrow met Nina Samuelson at his parents' home where she boarded while teaching at the Neville School, and Woodrow would let Nina ride his favorite horse, Chief; and,

Whereas, In 1940, Woodrow enlisted in the United States Army, serving actively in the European Theatre as a private First Class in the 76th Field Artillery, Battery B; and,

Whereas, Upon Woodrow's return from the war, he purchased some cattle and began farming, and on December 30, 1946, Woodrow and Nina were married at Belleview, Kansas, and to that union seven children were born: Linda, Carla, Clara, Clifford, Lillian, Judy, and Betty, who have further blessed their lives with 21 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, In 1961, following the suggestion to "go west young man", Woodrow packed up his wife, seven children, Grandma DeLany, and a dog and moved to Casper, Wyoming; and,

Whereas, In 1967, Woodrow brought the family back to Spearfish, South Dakota, where he worked as a certified lumber grader at the Homestake Sawmill and as a traffic guide at the Black Hills Passion Play; and,

Whereas, Woodrow now lives at Las Cruces, New Mexico, and will observe his 90th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as his friends and relatives gather to honor him on May 25, 2008, to celebrate his life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a man who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 25, 2008, as

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in South Dakota, and I join his many family and friends in wishing him a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirteenth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State